

Claim #46

Chell Beams

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Under Article 4. Treaty of 14<sup>th</sup> June 1866.  
with Creek Indians.

The undersigned, Mitchell Beames, a  
free man of color, and citizen of the Creek Nation, and  
a loyal refugee, aged 57, and married, being duly  
examined and sworn, (He understanding and con-  
versing in the English language:) deposes and says:  
Sometime during the month of August 1863, and  
whilst living on his place about four miles from  
North Fork Town, Creek Nation, he was compelled by  
the presence of the Rebels under General Cooper, to fly  
from his home in the night time, and abandon all  
his property and household effects, and to seek  
Gibson, Cherokee Nation, for protection. That at the  
time of his flight, as aforesaid, he owned & possessed,  
and did abandon and lose, all the property hereinafter  
enumerated, and has never since recovered the same  
or any part thereof: to say:

Five (5) Horses, Indian, at \$55 each	\$ 275.00.
Twenty four (24) Head Cattle " \$8. "	192.00.
Twenty one (21) Hogs. " \$7. "	147.00
Four hundred (400) Bushels Corn at 50 <sup>cts</sup> Bu.	200.00
One hundred (100) " Potatoes " \$1 <sup>00</sup> "	100.00
Five (5) Bushels of Wheat " 2 <sup>00</sup> "	10.00
One (1) Wagon & Harness, valued at.	100.00
Farming Implements and Tools " "	50.00
and various other articles	\$ 100.00



Account brought forward \$ 1074.00  
Sundry House Furniture, Bed, Bedding, &c 65.00  
Making a total value of \$ 1,139.00  
One thousand, one hundred and thirty nine Dollars;  
Further this Deponent saith not.

Mitchell Beames  
Subscribed and Sworn to before me at the Creek  
Agency, Okla. this 3<sup>rd</sup> day of November A.D. 1869.

J. Oberlin  
Attest At Sup. Dist. Ct. Ind. Off. S.  
South of Suplcy.

The undersigned, Topley Stedam, a Freedman,  
and Affey Stedam, a Freedwoman, of the Creek Station,  
Legal Refugees, being jointly, duly examined & sworn,  
(they understanding and conversing in the English  
language:) do depose and say: They are not interested  
in the claim of Mitchell Beames in any pecuniary  
manner, whatever; that they have heard the foregoing  
Affidavit read to them, and know its contents, and that  
the same is correct and true, That to their own knowledge  
the said Mitchell Beames did, at the time stated in his  
Deposition, own and possess, and did abandon and lose, all  
the property therein set forth, and in the manner he  
has stated. Further these Deponents do not say.

Topley Stedam,

Affey Stedam,

his  
X  
mark  
her  
X  
mark

Subscribed and sworn to before me



at the Creek Agency, Ok. this 8<sup>th</sup>  
day of November, A.D. 1869.

Receipt  
Warrant Out Sup. Asst. Supt. Ind. Affrs.  
South. Supl. A.

### Awards

The loss of property specified above is deemed established by the foregoing testimony. Also, the status of claimant. The amount claimed, however, is in some instances, considered excessive. Upon inquiry it is found, the values of the different kinds of property at the time the loss occurred ruled as follows:-

Horses - Indian	\$15.00 Each.
Cattle Stock,	5.00 "
Hogs.-	2.00 "
Corn per bushel,	50 "
Potatoes - per bushel,	50 "
Wheat, per bushel,	1.00 "

and for the following, one-half the claimed value:-

Wagon & Harness.	\$50.00
Farming Implements & Tools,	25.00
House Furniture - beds, bedding &c.	\$32.50 -

In consideration of these and all other facts attainable bearing upon the case we



believe it just and equitable to award this  
claimant, Mitchell Beames, Five hundred  
and ninety nine dollars, and fifty cents.

\$599  $\frac{50}{100}$ .

J. P. Mason

Brevet Major General U. S. Army,  
Supt. Indian Affairs, Southern Superintendency.

G. A. Smith

Captain U. S. Army,  
Creek Agent.

No 46.

Mitchell Beames

Claimant under

Article IV. Treaty of 14<sup>th</sup> June 1866.  
with

Creek Indians.

Claim \$1139  $\frac{00}{100}$ .

Award \$599  $\frac{50}{100}$ .